

Kentucky and Ohio 2003-05 Tuition Reciprocity Agreements

Action: The staff recommends that the council approve the 2003-2005 tuition reciprocity agreements between Kentucky and Ohio.

Tuition reciprocity allows students from Kentucky counties bordering Ohio to attend participating Ohio postsecondary institutions at tuition rates charged to Ohio residents. Similarly, residents of Ohio counties bordering Kentucky can attend a participating Kentucky institution and pay tuition rates charged to Kentucky residents. These agreements (see Attachments A through D) are important to reform efforts because they expand access to postsecondary education to both Kentucky and Ohio students by minimizing costly duplication of educational programs, promoting the maximum use of existing educational facilities, and increasing access to convenient and more affordable educational opportunities for residents of both states.

The current tuition reciprocity agreements between Kentucky and Ohio expire June 30, 2003. In May 2002, the council approved the Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati area agreement for one year. In November 2002, the council approved the addition of institutions in northeastern Kentucky and southeastern Ohio.

Institutions included in the Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati area are Northern Kentucky University, the University of Cincinnati, Southern State Community College, and Cincinnati State Technical and Community College. Institutions in northeastern Kentucky and southeastern Ohio are Ashland Community and Technical College, Morehead State University (Ashland-based programs), Ohio University-Southern, Rio Grande Community College, and Shawnee State University. The revised agreement included in this agenda item (see [Attachment C](#)) adds Morehead State University (main campus programs) and Ohio University-Athens.

In the agreement submitted for the first time (see [Attachment D](#)) is the addition of Maysville Community College in Kentucky, Southern State Community College in Ohio, and the University of Cincinnati-Clermont College (a two-year

institution). Gateway Community College in northern Kentucky and Rowan Technical College (as part of the Maysville Community/Rowan Technical College District) will be included when they receive accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Representatives of the participating institutions developed the agreements over the past several months. Provisions of these agreements will be effective July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2005.

In fall 2002, 842 undergraduate and graduate Kentucky students attended the University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati State Technical and Community College while 579 undergraduate and graduate Ohio students attended NKU. Enrollment of students at Ashland Community and Technical College, Morehead State University (Ashland-based programs), Ohio University-Southern, Rio Grande Community College, and Shawnee State University are not included in the enrollment numbers since the agreement that included these institutions was effective for spring 2003 only. The council staff will continue to monitor enrollment at the participating institutions.